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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants disclose the

following information:

- 1. U.S. Patent No. 6,015,431, inventors Thornton et al., issued January 18, 2000;
- 2. U.S. Patent No. 5,674,276, inventors Andersen et al., issued October 7, 1997;
- 3. U.S. Patent No. 5,591,172, inventors Bachmann et al., issued January 7, 1997;
- 4. U.S. Patent No. 4,950,227, inventor Savin et al., issued August 21, 1990;
- 5. U.S. Patent No. 4,922,905, inventor Strecker, issued May 8, 1990;
- 6. U.S. Patent No. 4,733,665, inventor Palmaz, issued March 29, 1988;
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Copies of the foregoing documents are not being provided with this paper since these documents are of record in USSN 09/843,449, filed April 26, 2001, of which the present application is a divisional application claiming the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120. These documents are, however, listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

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